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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/599,624	Applicant(s) JOHLER ET AL.	
	Examiner TUYET VO	Art Unit 2821	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 February 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 27-60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 27-37, 39 and 45-60 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 38 and 40-44 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Argument after Final filed February 16, 2010 has been persuasive.

However another Final Office Action based on a new ground of rejection has been issued in order to withdraw the previous Final Rejection sent on November 13, 2009.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 38 and 40-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Adamson (US Pat. 6,400,103).

Adamson discloses a lamp operating device and method as well (Fig. 2) for arrange to operate a lamp (242, 226, 228, 230) the lamp operating device (240, 224, 222, 220) being operable in one of a plurality of available operational modes selected by a central control unit (202, 204, 206), the lamp operating device also arranged to

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interpret commands provided by a local control unit (244, 238; 208, 210, wherein the local control unit 208, 210 can control a number of sub-control units 216,218 and 212,214) based on the available operational mode selected by the central control unit (col. 5, lines 50-67 and col. 6, lines 1-8) to control the lamp, wherein the lamp operating device is operable in different operational modes (low/high/on/off intensity due to rotary dimmers setting), and the selection and setting of an operational mode for the lamp operating device is effected externally (via rotary dimmers 204, 244, 208, 216, 212), wherein the selection and setting of the operational mode for the lamp operating device is effected by means of a transmission of an external control command, wherein at least one of the selectable operational modes of the lamp operating device makes possible a dimming of an associated lamp or lamps (col. 6, lines 42-50), wherein the lamp operating device operates a lamp associated therewith in accordance with a base function when no operational mode has been selected, wherein the lamp operating device further includes switching on and switching off (as dimmers at a lowest light intensity level) the associated lamp within a scope of the base function (col. 6, lines 26-42). Local dimmers (216, 212, 244) can override remote/central/network dimmers 204, 208) for maintaining individual illumination desired levels. However, in emergency, the central/remote/network dimmer 204 take a total control as override settings of the central control unit (200), (col. 7, lines 3-15).

Correspondence

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuyet Vo whose telephone number is 571 272 1830. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Douglas Owens can be reached on 571 272 1662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications and for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571 272 2800.

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/Tuyet Vo/

Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2821

March 04, 2010